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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BRACES SOVIETS ON NON-INTERFERDNC

1. AT SOVIET EMBASSY RECEPTION NOV. 7 MARKING 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET REVOLUTION, FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO RESPONDED TO SOVIET CHARGE'S TOAST WITH SOME RATHER UNDIPLOMATIC BUT CLEAR LANGUAGE.

2. CHISSANO CONGRATULATED THE USSR FOR FULFILLING ITS "INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL DUTY" IN SUPPORTING "OUR BROTHER ANGOLANS". HE SAID

THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS FOLLOWING "WITH ENORMOUS CONCERN THE DANGERS TO AFRICA POSED BY IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION IN ANGOLA". PRAISING SOVIET AID TO FRELIMO DURING ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE, CHISSANO STRESSED THAT FACT MOZAMBIQUE WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE USSR DID NOT IMPLY, IN ANY WAY, THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS A SATELLITE OF THE USSR, STATING THAT A FRIENDSHIP, NOT A DEPENDENCY, EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CHISSANO REMARKED THAT AFTER FIRST WEIGHING PROS AND CONS OF CAPITALISM OF COLONIAL DAYS, FRELIMO CHOSE SOCIALISM "NOT TO COPY OR BE SUBMISSIVE TO THE USSR, CHINA, OR ANY OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRY, BUT TO DEVELOP SOCIALISM IN MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENT(LY). THE SENTIMENT OF INDEPENDENCE GOVERNS ALL OUR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS. WE WILL TAKE FROM THE WORLD WHAT IS POSITIVE FOR OUR RECONSTRUCTION. IN NO CASE WILL THIS BE A SIGN OF DEPENDENCY".

3. CHISSANO NOTED THAT "DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WE RECEIVED AID FROM THE USSR AND CHINA AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES. THE RECEIVING OF THIS AID DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT WE BECAME DEPENDENT ON THE COMMUNISTS OR CAME UNDER THEIR INFLUENCE. WE TOOK AID ONLY TO ATTAIN OUR INDEPENDENCE AND WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT AID FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WHO DO NOT INTEND TO PREJUDICE OUR INDEPENDENCE". CHISSANO CONCLUDED BY LOOKING FORWARD TO INCREASED COOPERATION FROM USSR IN THE "CERTAINTY IT WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS" AND SAID, WITH REGARD TO SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO MPLA, HE WAS SURE "OUR ANGOLAN BROTHERS WILL MAINTAIN THEIR DIGNITY AND NOT PERMIT ANY INTERFERENCE. I AM CONVINCED THE USSR WILL NOT INTERFERE IN ANGOLA AS IT HAS NOT DONE IN MOZAMBIQUE."

3. BOTH CHISSANO AND MACHEL ALSO SENT TRADITIONAL MESSAGES TO SOVIET LEADERS.

4. COMMENT: GUESTS AT RECEPTION (I WAS NOT INVITED) TOLD US SOVIET CHARGE STOOD STONE-FACED THROUGH CHISSANO'S BLUNT REMARKS, AT CONCLUSION OF WHICH CHISSANO REPORTEDLY TURNED AWAY FROM CHARGE TO CHAT WITH OTHERS. UNLESS SOMEHOW DISAVOWED BY MACHEL OR FRELIMO, IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT CHISSANO WAS SPEAKING FOR GPRM AND NOT JUST REFLECTING HIS OWN VIEWS OR THOSE OF ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF GOVERNMENT OR PARTY.

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TM CHISSANN'S REMARKS CAPPED A SERIES OF DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED FAIRLY CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT SOVIET-GPRM RELATIONS ARE FAR FROM WHAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE. A CATALOG OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDES FAILURE OF SAMORA MACHEL TO VISIT USSR FOLLOWING HIS FEB 1975 VISIT TO CHINA, DESPITE USSR INVITATION AND PRESSURE TO DO SO; UNSUCCESSFUL SOVIET REQUEST FOR CONSULATES AT BEIRA, NACALA

AND PORTO AMELIA; REFUSAL BY SOVIETS TO PROVIDE MOZAMBIQUE
WITH HARBOR PILOTS IN APRIL-MAY 1975; FAILURE TO REACH ECONOMIC-
COMMERCIAL TRADE AGREEMENT DESPITE VISIT OF SEVERAL SOVIET
DELEGATIONS; SOVIET BLUNDERING AT INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS,
INCLUDING THEIR DEMAND (REJECTED) THAT USSR CHARGE BE AHEAD
OF CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN PRESENTING CREDENTIALS TO MACHEL;
ANOTHER SOVIET INVITATION TO MACHEL TO VISIT USSR AT INDE-
PENDENCE, WHICH WENT WITHOUT COMMENT BY MACHEL; AND CONTINUING
FAILURE OF USSR TO PROVIDE (OR GPRM TO ACCEPT -- WE ARE UN-
CERTAIN WHICH) AN AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE.
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